

TOWN OF WEBSTER
Office of Selectmen
945 Battle Street/Rte. 127
Webster, NH 03303

7:02 P.M. Selectmen's Meeting – December 27, 2010

Present: Chairman David Klumb, Selectman George Hashem and Selectman George Cummings.

The Board signed the payroll and check manifests.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Judith Jones:

- Selectman Cummings made a motion to accept the minutes of December 13, 2010 as written; seconded by Chairman Klumb and approved; and
- A vacation leave slip for Mrs. Jones.

The Board signed the following for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham:

- Vacation leave slip for Mrs. Pinkham;
- Intent to Cut for Lee Thurber – Map 4-52;
- Purchase Order #35 for the Highway Department to Knoxland Equipment for replacement brushes for the sweeper in the amount of \$1,191.31; and
- Purchase Order #36 for the Highway Department to Jordan Equipment for Plow Cutting Edges in the amount of \$623.90.

Mrs. Pinkham gave two forms requiring signatures to Chief Robert Dupuis, requesting that he return them to her after the appropriate Police Officers sign them.

Chief Dupuis advised or presented the following to the Board:

- The semi-monthly report for the Police Department;
- A request for vacation from February 19, 2011 to March 5, 2011 for himself;
- Gas prices at the Franklin Fuel Depot are \$2.34 per gallon versus \$2.74 at the State Sheds advising that the Department purchases gas in Franklin whenever prudent. The Board signed an "Outside Agency Agreement" with the City of Franklin Fuel Depot;
- A first responder course is being offered by Becker Training on Monday and Wednesday evenings from January 3, 2011 to February 9, 2011 at a total fee of \$415. The certification is good for two years. He noted that it would be in the best interest of the Town as the Police are often the first on an emergency scene. He requested the Board's approval to send Lieutenant Philip Mitchell to which the Board had no objection.
- The 2007 Ford Explorer is at Ossipee Mountain for work to be done on the strobe light. The Board signed Purchase Order #37 for the Police Department to Ossipee Mountain Electronics for this repair in the amount of \$307.25; and
- The Board agreed that the Chief will continue working 28 hours per week until after Town Meeting, when an increase of hours is proposed. If approved, the increased hours will commence as of April 1, 2011.

Fire Chief Colin Colby reported 174 calls to date. He advised that Thursday night is the final business meeting of the year when election of officers will take place. He is bringing back the 2nd Lieutenant position, with no increase proposed in the Fire Department's budget as he will take the salary from the Chief's line. He is in hopes that this will encourage the younger folks to participate in the Department.

The Board signed the following Purchase Orders for Chief Colby:

- Purchase Order #38 for the Fire Department to Fire Tech & Safety of New England for 6 helmets in the amount of \$1,438.20; and
- Purchase Order #39 for the Fire Department to Fire Tech & Safety of New England for gloves, hoods and mittens in the amount of \$780.00.

Treasurer Mary Welch advised that she was all set.

Road Agent Emmett Bean inquired about what the Right-of-Way was in the Pillsbury Lake District. Chairman Klumb advised that it was 33 feet in most places. There have been several issues with cars or other objects parked in the Right-of-Way, which hinders the plow trucks. Chief Dupuis will talk to those folks involved. Mr. Bean advised that the Police Department has been very helpful in this area. He has had an issue with another resident in the district whereby the owner has been putting an iron post around the property that has hindered the snowplowing in that area. Mr. Bean spoke with the owner, suggesting that they meet next spring to find a resolution to the problem as he also has concerns about emergency vehicles parking should they be needed. The Board discussed the Right-of-Way width in general and suggested whenever there was an issue with a resident regarding plowing that he call the police and let them handle it.

Mr. Bean inquired as to whether the Board had visited the area on Concord Drive, as he had requested, that had been discussed at an earlier meeting this year. Selectman Cummings indicated that he had been in the area. Mr. Bean advised that the road needs to be built-up as the lawn at the residence in that area had been built-up so that the water cannot drain properly. No decision was made.

Selectman Hashem noted the parking of a car at the junction of Route 127 and Long Street in the street, while the resident clears his own driveway, that hindered oncoming traffic. Though this is a State road, Chief Dupuis made a note of the issue.

Selectman Hashem made a motion to encumber the following funds:

- Town Hall Oil \$2,500
- Public Safety Building Propane \$4,000
- Police Department Gas \$2,500
- Pearson Hill Project \$5,855

for a total of \$14,855; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved.

The Board discussed the \$8,000 requested for the paving project at the Landfill in 2011. This amount has been included in the operating budget for the landfill and does not require a separate warrant article.

The Board discussed the addition of \$140,000 for Road Pavement Preservation that was added to the Highway & Streets proposed operating budget for 2011. It was decided to put this amount into a separate warrant article this year, thereby giving the voters a choice. If passed, Chairman Klumb would expect to add a similar amount to next year's operating budget. Chairman Klumb noted that it would be up to the Road Agent as how best to spend the funds if approved.

The Board reviewed the entire proposed 2011 budget, making minor changes. Once all the proposed changes are entered and new worksheets are prepared the Board will again review the proposed budget.

Selectman Hashem discussed the recently approved subdivision on Dustin Road and advised that the Planning Board will review the approval at a Planning Board meeting to be held on Thursday as some concerns have since been expressed. Chairman Klumb recently reviewed regulations regarding potential water run-off, recommending that the regulations needed to be reviewed by an expert in that field to see if the developer had triggered a response to the regulations because of the subdivision. Ideally, the expert would then sign off on the plan.

Mrs. Jones will be out on Wednesday

9:00 P.M. Selectman Hashem made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Cummings and approved.

David E. Klumb, Chairman

George K. Hashem

George C. Cummings

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